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DEDICATION.

To the Descendants In Direct Line of our

Great Grandparents,

Abel Waters, and Sara Waters, his wife,

This Record is Dedicated by

MABEL WARD WATERS AND
ETHEL CHAMBERLAYNE WATERS,

Two of Their Great Grandchildren.

To have lived lives of such grace, gentleness and inspiring faith, as to commend their memories and example to their generations, is our only apology for this registry of the names of those who have followed them.

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PEDIGREE OF ABEL WATERS,

OF SUTTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

JAMES WATERS, OF St. BUTTOLPH, ALDGATE, LONDON, ENGLAND, AND PHOEBE, HIS WIFE.

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*Richard (son of James and Phoebe Waters), married, Rejoice, daughter of William Plaise, of Salem, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

John (son of Richard and Rejoice Waters, of Salem, Mass.) bapt. 27 d. 9 mo., 1640; married, 1 d. 6 mo., 1663, Sara, daughter of John Tompkins, of Salem, Mass.

Nathaniel (son of John and Sara Waters, of Salem, Mass.), b. 6 d. 12 mo., 1671; married, 12 d. 12 mo., 1699, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth King, of Salem, Mass.

Nathaniel (son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Waters, of Sutton, Mass.), b. 22 d. 10 mo., 1708; married, 29 d. 11 mo., 1737, Mary Gardner.

Abel (son of Nathaniel and Mary Waters, of Sutton, Mass.), b, 25 d. 1 mo., 1749; married 15 d. 1 mo., 1783, Sara, daughter of Elijah and Dorothy Moore.

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* Richard Waters left England, and settled in Salem, Massachusetts, U. S. A., in 1630

SELECTIONS FROM OLD FAMILY RECORDS.

"Richard Waters is first mentioned in the records of Salem, anno 1636, where he has ten acres granted him."

"This may certify that my father-in-law, Wm. Plaise, gunsmith, departed this life in Salem, this fifteenth day of the 2d mo., 1646.

RICHARD WATERS."

"16th July, 1676, 'being ancient,' Richard Waters wrote his will, which was sworn to by the witnesses in court at Salem, 28 d. 9 mo., '77."

"Fourteenth February, 1715, Nathaniel Waters of Salem buys of William King and Benjamin Marsh, both of Salem, one-tenth of the township of Sutton, deemed to contain about thirty thousand acres, of which one-tenth equals about three thousand acres, etc." **Misinterpretation of what is written in the deed.**

Among the officers and men from Sutton in the Colonial Service for various lengths of time, from 1755 to 1761, were, as Privates, John King and Nathaniel Waters.

Among the officers and men from Sutton in the Revolutionary War, was John King, one of the Sergeants.

Proofs of the authenticity of these records are to be found partly in the "History of the Town of Sutton," and partly from certified copies of will, deeds, and other documents, held by Ethel C. Waters, 8 Grove Place, Rochester, N. Y.

Suffolk County (MA) Registry of Deeds, Book 30, Pg 117
"...Whereas William King and Benjamin Marsh...purchased of Mr. James Smith...a full tenth part of the New Township... of Sutton...deemed to contain about Thirty Thousand Acres...and so the Tenth part purchased...Supposed to be about Three Thousand Acres..."
"...Sell aliene Assigne set over and Confirm unto the said Nathaniel Waters one twelth of the said purchase..."

1/12th of 3000 = 250 acres.
In the Proprietors of Sutton records, the lots assigned to Nathaniel Waters between 1716 and (to his heirs) 1723 totaled 340 acres, of which 174 were adjoining lots in what became known as the North Parsh of Sutton (Millbury as of 1813 and, more specifically, in the West Millbury district of Millbury). The land was divided between his sons Nathaniel Waters, II, and Jonathan Waters.

Ross Weaver, Sutton Historical Society and Waters Farm Preservation volunteer, 2026

MEMORIAL OF DR. ABEL WATERS.

ABEL WATERS, son of Nathaniel and Mary Waters, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, January 25th, 1749.

Born of a Puritan family, he was brought up in their faith, with the love and fear of God, and the strict integrity of character which so strongly marked the religious life of that people.

On January 15th, 1783, he married Sara Davis, widow of Captain Reubin Davis. They then moved to Charlton, Mass., where he practiced medicine, and where their five children were born.

As physician in a country town, he endeared himself to all, winning by his sympathetic and faithful ministries, the love and esteem so often won by those of his profession.

Late in life, their children having all married and moved to homes of their own, the Doctor and his wife went to live with their daughter, Lucy Bowles, in Wayne, Maine. Here his wife died, and, later, he moved to Augusta, Maine, the home of their daughter, Hannah Williams. In her family he spent the last days of his life, surrounded by those he loved, and cared for with a daughter's tender affection.

" Thou hast walked by my side, and my board thou hast spread,
For my chair the warm corner hast found,
And told my dull ear what the visitor said
When I saw that the laughter went round.
Thou hast cherished me still, and my meaning expressed
When memory was lost on its way,
Thou hast pillowed my head when I laid it to rest,
Thou art weeping beside me to-day "

On February 7th, 1829, he died, in the 81st year of his age.

MRS. ABEL WATERS.

SARA LEARNED, daughter of Elijah and Dorothy Moore, was born in May, 1749. At the age of twenty-four she married Captain Reubin Davis, who was also her first cousin. By this marriage she had three children, two sons and a daughter. After eight years of married life, Captain Davis died, and on Jan. 15th, 1783, Mrs. Davis was married to Dr. Abel Waters.

In their home at Charlton, Mass., their five children were born, and for many years her life was principally given to the loving care of these little ones, and the many duties necessary to "looking well to the ways of her household."

The sweet influence of her Christian character, and the refinement and cultured polish of her conversation and manners, were felt not only in the immediate home circle, but also by others whose lives came in touch with hers.

In the seventy-fourth year of her age, from the home of their daughter Lucy Bowles, where she and the Doctor had lived for some years previous, she was called to her Heavenly Home to receive the reward of loving devotion to her family, kindly charity to all, and earnest consecration to her Saviour.

ISAAC WATERS.

ISAAC WATERS was born in Charlton, Mass., August 22nd, 1787, being the eldest child of Abel and Sara Moore Davis Waters. When quite a young man he went to Boston and was in business with his half-brother, Ezra Davis, a merchant in Boston. He went to Europe and was there seven years, most of the time in France, on business for the firm. While there he went to Wales to the birth-place of the Waters family, and got the coat-of-arms of the family.

He was in France at the marriage of Napoleon and his second wife, Marie Louise of Austria, and was sent by Napoleon with despatches for the Czar of Russia, going all the way by carriage.

When John Quincy Adams was President, he was appointed appraiser in the Boston custom house, which office he held until General Jackson became President.

On May 15th, 1815, he married Josephine Augusta Hatch, and they had twelve children, of whom seven died under two years of age.

He was many years a member of Boston Common Council, and was the first one to propose the making of the public garden from the waste land on the river, where the city garbage was thrown. He died Sept. 26th, 1847, before the garden was fully made.

REUBIN DAVIS WATERS.

REUBIN DAVIS, second child of Abel and Sara Waters, was born Sept. 15th, 1785, in the town of Charlton, Mass., where he spent his childhood. When grown, he moved to Calais, Vt., where his principal business was farming, and where late in life he married Polly Jack, of that town.

He was a very peculiar and eccentric man, always dressing in "ye olden costume" of brown home-spun cloth, long tight-fitting coat with brass buttons, and tall hat.

After some years of married life, he and his wife went to live with a niece of hers in East Montpelier, Vt., where they both died, leaving no children.

LUCY BOWLES.

LUCY, eldest daughter of Abel and Sara Waters, was born at Charlton, Mass., in 1788; was married to Joshua Bowles, of Wareham, Mass, in 1809 and moved to Wayne, Maine. In 1840 she moved to Evansville, Ind,, where she died in 1875. Lucy Waters spent the early years of her life in Boston, where her naturally fine intellect received the advantages of education and culture. She was a deep thinker and polished writer. She kept herself thoroughly informed on the current events of the time, and was always found on the side of what she believed to be right. The elevation of the human race and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, were to the last of her life, objects of her efforts and prayers. Soon after her marriage she became a member of the Congregational Church of Winthrop, Maine, and after her removal to Indiana, of the Presbyterian Church of Evansville.

HANNAH WILLIAMS.

HANNAH, second daughter of Abel and Sara Waters, was born at Charlton, Mass., Sept. 24th, 1791, where her childhood was spent. She, like her sister Lucy, was educated in Boston, which gave her fine opportunity for study. On Aug. 8th, 1816, she was married to Seth Williams, of Augusta, Maine, at which place they made their home, and where their children were born.

Vigorous in mind, she might have shone in the intellectual world, if opportunities had been given for mental pursuits; but with a large family and limited means, she was forced to lead a practical rather than ideal life. "The trivial round, the common task," afforded her full occupation, while a deeply religious spirit enabled her to meet her duties bravely, yet gladly to welcome the hour when she might hope to "fall asleep in Jesus." She "fell asleep" July 16th, 1866, in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

GARDNER WATERS.

GARDNER, youngest son of Abel and Sara Waters, was born in Charlton, Mass., October 3rd, 1793, where he received his early education. From there he moved to Augusta, Maine, and later on to Waterville, Maine, where he found his future wife, Charlotte Mathews, daughter of Col. Jabez Mathews, to whom he was married by the Rev. Dr. Cushman, Dec. 16th, 1817.

The war of 1812 found him enlisted, but he was not called into active service.

The love of study implanted in early life, remained with him to the last. His mind was original in thought, independent in judgment, being broadly and well-informed. He was a man of unpretentious character, preferring to spend his leisure hours with his books and study to a more stirring life in the world.

FIRST GENERATION.

ABEL AND SARA WATERS.

SECOND GENERATION.

Children of Abel and Sara Waters.

1. ISAAC, *born* Aug. 22, 1783; *married* Josephine Hatch. He *died* Sept 26, 1847; she *died* Jan. 23, 1834.
2. REUBIN DAVIS, *b.* Sept. 15. 1785; *m.* Polly Jack. He *d.* March 25, 1876; she *d.* March 17, 1876.
3. LUCY, *b.* Jan. 31, 1788; *m.* Joshua Bowles. She *d.* Oct. 11, 1875; he *d.* June 21, 1849.
4. HANNAH, *b.* Sept. 24, 1791; *m.* Seth Williams. She *d.* July 16, 1866; he *d.* Jan. 11, 1838.
5. GARDNER, *b.* Oct. 3, 1793; *m.* Charlotte Mathews. He *d.* April 15, 1868 she *d.* May, 1839.

THIRD GENERATION.

Children of Isaac and Josephine Hatch Waters.

1. HENRY CROWELL, *d.*
2. CHARLES, *d.*
3. SARAH RUSSELL, *m.* Calvin T. Chamberlayne. He *d.*
4. ELIZABETH ANN, *m.* Henry H Langworthy. She *d.*; he *d.*
5. ELLEN MATILDA, *d.*
6. CHARLES EDWARD, *d.*
7. GEORGE EDWARD, *d.*
8. GEORGE EDWARD, *d.*
9. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, *m.* Harriet A Ward She *d.*
10. JOHN DAVIS, *d*

Children of Joshua and Lucy Waters Bowles.

1. Son, *d.*
2. Son, *d.*
3. Son, *d.*
4. GARDNER WATERS, *d.*
5. JOSEPH, *m.* Rebecca Reed. He *d.*
6. EDWARD WHIPPLE *d.*
7. LUCY, *m.* Thomas M. Archer. She *d.*; he *d.*
8. EDWARD, *m.* Tabitha Holland. She *d.*
9. JANE, *m.* (a) Robert Throop; (b) George A. Throop. She *d.*
10. ELIZA, *m.* Edward Wheeler.
11. HENRY, *m.* Margaret Elizabeth Throop. She *d.*
12. GEORGE, *d.*
13. ANNA, *d.*

Children of Seth and Hannah Waters Williams.

1. EDWARD, *d.*
2. LOUISA, *d.*
3. GEORGE HENRY, *d.*
4. HELEN MARIA, *d.*
5. HARRIET, *m.* Francis Greenleaf Haynes
6. MARGARET *d.*
7. LUCY, *d.*
8. MARSHALL, *d.*

Children of Gardner and Charlotte Mathews Waters.

1. ELIZA MOORE, *m.* (a) Thomas B. Marston; (b) Franklin Lawrence. He *d.*
2. GARDNER, *m.* Mary Moore Barrett.
3. JABEZ MATHEWS, *m.* Martha Ellen Webb. He *d.*; she *d.*
4. WILLIAM PHILLIPS.
5. SAMUEL SOULÉ, *m.* Anna Tukie. He *d.*; she *d.*
6. CHARLES HENRY, *m.* Sarah Ann Barrett. He *d.*
7. GEORGE LATHAM, *m.* Julia Ann Sarah Eaton. He *d.*; she *d.*
8. DAVID.
9. EUGENE, *d.*
10. EUGENE, *d.*

FOURTH GENERATION

Children of Calvin T. and Sarah Waters Chamberlayne.

1. BENJAMIN WATERS, *m.* Lucille Monté Niles.
2. RUSSELL TIBBITTS, *d.*
3. JOSEPHINE AUGUSTA TRYPHENA, *m.* Charles Augustus Jackson. He *d.*
4. GRACE HASTINGS, *m.* Gabriel Cushman Bishop. He *d.*
5. ERNESTINE SARAH ELIZABETH, *d.*
6. VIRGINIA DICKINSON, *d.*

Children of Henry Hobert and Elizabeth Waters Langworthy.

1. JAMES NEIL, *d.*
2. TUDOR, *d*

Children of William Augustus and Harriet Ward Waters.

1. ELLEN WARD.
2. JOSEPHINE AUGUSTA.
3. MARY ELIZABETH.
4. MABEL WARD.
5. ETHEL CHAMBERLAYNE
6. ISAAC WARD.
7. HENRY LANGWORTHY
8. ELIZABETH KEMP

Children of Edward and Tabitha Holland Bowles.

1. JOSEPH, *m.* Ida Stockton.
2. WILLIAM.

Children of Robert and Jane Bowles Throop.

1. Arthur, *d.*
2. JENNIE.

Children of Edward E. and Eliza Bowles Wheeler.

1. EDWARD E
2. HENRY E.
3. CHARLES.
4. GEORGE.
5. FRANK.

Children of Henry and Margaret Throop Bowles.

1. LUCY, *m.* Aaron Turner. He *d.*
2. HELEN, *d.*
3. MARY, *m.* David Hale Hampton.
4. FANNIE, *m.* William Hosea Merithew.
5. GARDNER, *d.*
6. GARDNER, *m.* Allie Hinton.
7. MATTIE, *d.*

Children of Thomas B. and Eliza Waters Marston.

1. EDWIN THOMAS, *d.*
2. GEORGE GARDNER, *d.*

Child of Franklin and Eliza Marston Lawrence.

CHARLOTTE, *m.* Martin Alexander Frank.

Children of Gardner and Mary Barrett Waters.

1. CHARLES GARDNER, *m.* Clara Meldrum Ferris.
2. MARY THERESA.
3. SILAS BARRETT, *m.* Myrtle Ione Washburn.
4. LOUIS AUGUSTINE, *m.* Ida Belle Elsas.
5. EUGENE MATHEWS, *m* Ida May Bossé.
6. PEARL SUEBILLA.

Children of Jabez Mathews and Martha Webb Waters.

1. WILLIAM EVERETT, *m.* Alma Filia Oyler.
2. MARTHA ELLEN, *m.* Louis Francis Phipps
3. GEORGE MATHEWS, *m.* Julia Kiechler
4. MABEL, *d.*
5. FREDERICK JABEZ.
6. CLIFFORD GARDNER, *d.*
7. GUY BESTOW, *d.*

Children of Charles Henry and Sarah Barrett Waters.

1. ANNIE BARRETT, *m.* Henry W. Robson.
2. CHARLOTTE ELLA.
3. CHARLES HENRY, *m.* Clara Worthington Ringgold.
4. ROBERT MATHEWS.

Child of George Latham and Julia Eaton Waters.

LILIAN GRAY, *m.* Ross Thomson.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Child of Charles A. and Josephine Chamberlayne Jackson

MONTGOMERY CHAMBERLAYNE, *m* Isabelle Reem.

Children of Gabriel C. and Grace Chamberlayne Bishop.

1. AILEEN CHAMBERLAYNE
2. GABRIEL CHAMBERLAYNE

Child of Joseph and Ida Stockton Bowles.

EDWARD.

Children of Aaron and Lucy Bowles Turner.

1. HELEN, *m.* George Henry Burke.
2. JESSIE, *m.* Ralfe Everton Cobb

Children of David H. and Mary Bowles Hampton.

1. BENJAMIN BOWLES.
2. LUCY ETHEL.
3. JESSE DURHAM.
4. JOSEPH BACON, *d*
5. MARY,

Children of Wm. H. and Fanny Bowles Merithew.

1. CHARLES BRANHAM, *d.*
2. WILLIAM LEROY.
3. DONALD GILMORE.

Children of Gardner and Allie Hinton Bowles.

1. MARY.
2. HELEN.
3. FANNIE.

Child of William Everett and Alma Oyler Waters.

EVERETT OYLER.

Child of Alexander and Charlotte Lawrence Frank.

EDITH MAY.

Child of George Mathews and Julia Kiechler Waters.

WEBB KIECHLER

Children of Charles Henry and Clara Ringgold Waters.

1. ANNIE ETHEL, *d.*
2. HOWARD RINGGOLD

Child of Silas Barrett and Myrtle Washburn Waters.

SILAS BARRETT.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Montgomery C. and Isabelle Reem Jackson.

1. ISABELLE REDDING, *d.*
2. CHARLES AUGUSTUS

Children of George H. and Helen Turner Burke.

1. JESSIE TURNER.
2. LUCY LLOYD.